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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF TANGOV DAILY NEWS JULY 21 FRONT  
PAGE EDITORIAL.

2. BEGIN TEXT. WHEN IAN SMITH AND HIS MINORITY RACIST FOLLOWERS  
DECLARED UDI IN ZIMBABWE WAY BACK IN 1965, A NUMBER OF AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES DEMANDED THAT BRITAIN USE FORCE TO PUT DOWN THE  
REBELLION. SIMILAR REBELLIONS IN THE ONCE FAR-FLUNG EMPIRE HAD  
BEEN PUT DOWN PROMPTLY AND OFTEN RUTHLESSLY BY HER MAJESTY'S  
ROYAL FORCES. THE EMPIRE WAS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION OF  
IAN SMITH.

3. BRITAIN HOWEVER, ARGUED THAT A MILITARY ACTION WAS OUT OF THE  
QUESTION BECAUSE OF MILITARY LOGISTICS. HER ONLY OPTION,  
SHE MAINTAINED, WAS TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN APPLYING ECONOMIC  
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SANCTIONS WHICH SHE BELIEVED WOULD BRING DOWN THE REBEL REGIME.

4. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT IF MILITARY LOGISTICS COULD NOT ALLOW BRITAIN TO MOUNT AN ATTACK ON THE REBELS IN SALISBURY IN 1965, THE SITUATION HAS CERTAINLY NOT IMPROVED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS. IF ANYTHING, THE SITUATION IS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED NOW FOLLOWING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE OFFER BY ZAMBIA FOR BRITAIN TO USE THAT COUNTRY AS A STAGING BASE FOR AN ATTACK ON THE REBEL REGIME.

5. WHAT IS MORE, A FIERCE WAR IS NOW RAGING IN ZIMBABWE BETWEEN THE REBEL FORCES, AND AFRICAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS BACKED BY THE REST OF AFRICA. THE LAUNCHING OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE MARKED A QUALITATIVE CHANGE IN THE STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF THAT COUNTRY. WHAT REMAINS RELEVANT NOW IS THE VICTORIOUS CONCLUSION OF THE WAR OF LIBERATION.

6. IF THERE ARE ANY ENEMIES OF IAN SMITH IN THE UNITED STATES, BRITAIN OR ANY OF THE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM OUSTED FROM SALISBURY, LET THEN REST ASSURED THAT SMITH IS AS GOOD AS DEAD ALREADY.

7. HE IS CLINGING ON IN SALISBURY PRECISELY BECAUSE OF THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT SUPPORT HE GETS FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES AND OTHERS VIA SOUTH AFRICA AND THE WESTERN MULTI-NATIONAL COMPANIES.

8. IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT WE MUST PONDER AT THE REPORTED STORY OF AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE, HENRY KISSINGER, URGING BRITAIN TO INVADE ZIMBABWE AND OUST THE WHITE MINORITY REGIME. WERE IT NOT FOR ITS TOTALLY RELIABLE SOURCES IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE.

9. IT HAS ALREADY BEEN POINTED OUT THAT THE UNITED STATES IS URGING BRITAIN TO OUST SMITH BY FORCE OF ARMS NOT BECAUSE SMITH IS A REBEL OR BECAUSE THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS MAJORITY RULE, BUT TO PREVENT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS FROM TAKING OVER IN ZIMBABWE.

10. THE PROSPECT OF A REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT IN ZIMBABWE LINKING UP WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENTS OF ANGOLA AND MOZAMBIQUE AT THE HEAD OF PROGRESSIVE AFRICA IS FRIGHTENING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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THOSE POWERS SEEKING PERPETUAL DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION OF AFRICA.

11. THIS US-PLAN OF INVASION MUST BE DENOUNCED. AFRICA STATES IN PARTICULAR MUST NOT ALLOW THEMSELVES TO BE PARTY TO SUCH TREACHEROUS PLANS SECRETLY HATCHED AND SPREAD. IT IS A SINISTER PLAN EXCEPT THAT IT IS ALSO FUTILE. A REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS IS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN ZIMBABWE AND ANY ATTEMPT TO BLOCK THAT

PROCESS IS GOING TO BE MET BY REVOLUTIONARY FORCE. END TEXT.

12. SIMILAR EDITORIAL IN SWAHILI-LANGUAGE UHURU TRANSMITTED  
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